REMARKS

In view of the Amendment filed May 20, 2005, claims 7, 9, 10, 18, 19, 23, 28, 29, 33 and 72-75 were pending and treated in the outstanding Office Action. In particular, the Examiner indicated that claims 7, 9, 10, 18, and 33 are allowed, and rejected the remaining claims in view of the prior art. However, as indicated above, the rejected claims have now been cancelled, leaving only allowed claims 7, 9, 10, 18, and 33 pending in this application. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's prior art rejections are no longer applicable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative.

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